

This report covers flu surveillance activities for the 28 counties that comprise Health Service Region 8: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Calhoun, Comal, Dewitt, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, La Vaca, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Wilson, and Zavala.

Flu Activity:

Compared to last week, flu activity in the region is slightly increased. Twenty-three counties submitted reports this week. Of the counties that reported, 13 counties reported influenza-like-illness. Eight counties reported flu A by rapid test, and twelve counties reported both flu A and flu B by rapid test. Two counties had flu confirmed by PCR.

Pediatric Deaths:

No pediatric deaths have occurred in Region 8 this season. Statewide, six influenza-associated pediatric deaths have been reported in Texas during the 2014-2015 season. One influenza-associated pediatric death occurred in week 53. The child was a 5 year old resident of HSR 6/5S with other health conditions. A specimen from the child was positive for influenza A H3. The child was vaccinated for influenza for the current season.

Cases of influenza-associated pediatric mortality (children <18 years of age) are reportable year-round and by law in Texas.

Institutional & School Outbreaks

An increase in flu activity has been detected in several areas of the state. Several outbreaks of flu and flu-like-illness have been reported throughout the state in schools and institutions. Parents of school-aged children have been encouraged to keep any child with symptoms home until the child is fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.

Antiviral Resistance

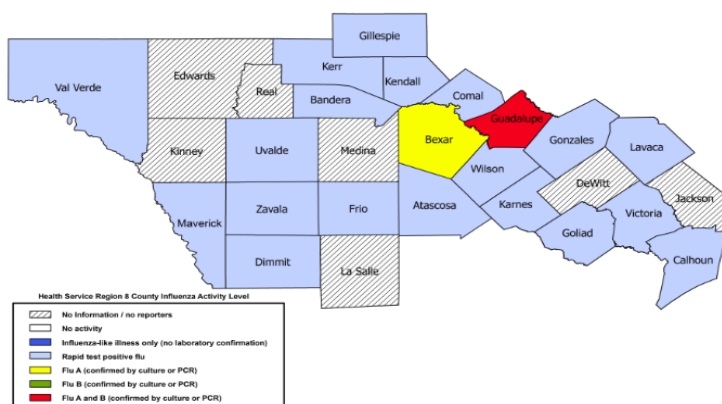
No antiviral resistant flu reported.

Variant Influenza Viruses

No variant or novel influenza viruses have been detected in Texas.

Highlighted areas indicate the highest level of influenza activity detected by county.

Health Service Region 8 Influenza Activity Map



Percentage of Visits Due to Influenza-like Illness Reported by Texas ILINet Participants, 2011–2015 Seasons

